

INSIDE THE BV ZONE

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FROM: BASEBALL VICTORIA
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Vale Ian Bishop

Baseball Victoria is saddened to hear of the passing of Life Member Ian Bishop, a beloved figure who dedicated over 50 years to Sunraysia Baseball League (SBL).

Ian's baseball career spanned decades of playing, coaching, umpiring and committee work. He first joined the sport as an athlete in the 1950s, and quickly took up coaching in addition to playing on representative sides. He served as SBL's Secretary/Treasurer and played a crucial role in reforming the league in 1979.

He was a founding member of Eagles Baseball Club and was part of the original nine taking the field in the club's inaugural game.

Although Ian retired from playing in 1984, his contributions to the sport were far from over, soon beginning 40 years of umpiring. He was a proud advocate and promoter of the sport, serving as media liaison for several years as well as sharing baseball radio reports on Sunday mornings from 1982-2005. He was the SBL Committee Level Umpire Coordinator from 1990-2004 and returned to his beloved role as Secretary/Treasurer from 2007-2017.

Ian was granted life membership to SBL in 1993 for his commitment and support of the sport and its growth in Sunraysia. He was recognised with Baseball Victoria Life Membership in 2019.

Ian will always be remembered for his love of the game and his proud involvement in the local baseball community. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him and we send our condolences to his family and friends during this difficult time.



[Victorian Baseball Community Comes Together for 2024 BV Umpire Seminar](#)

The 2024 BV Umpire Seminar took place at Knox Baseball Club on 21-22 September, with over 60 umpires turning out for the first day of Community, Association, and State Umpiring courses.

40 umpires continued on day two for additional plate and on-field situational plays. The second-annual seminar aimed to promote baseball umpiring to new and returning officials, while creating consistency with formal training, assessments and accreditations aligned with the National Umpiring Accreditation Scheme.

We had student attendees from all over the state, some joining us from Albury-Wodonga, Latrobe Valley, Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Mornington Peninsula, as well as locals from the Melbourne metropolitan area and surrounds.

Brett Robson (WA), Paul Latta (NSW), and Tom West (QLD) were on hand to support training and assessments.

It was great to have their vast knowledge and experience adding to that of our local instructors David Welsh, Geoff Dunn, Denis Dalzotto, Peter Clapp, Randall Vavra, John Schrodgers, Neil Medlin and Casey Cooke.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for a fantastic weekend! You can read all about it [HERE](#).



[Vic Dingoes & Hornets Ready for 2024 Barclay Cup](#)

The 2024 Barclay Cup kicks off this Sunday 29 September and runs through Saturday 5 October. We wish our Vic Dingoes and Hornets the best of luck as they head to Sydney to play in the junior girls tournament against baseballers from across Australia. The third annual event is sure to be filled with baseball fun on and off the diamond, and we can't wait to hear all about it!

Check out the [official Barclay Cup Facebook page](#) for the full schedule and stay tuned for streaming.

[2024/25 VSBL Registration Now Open](#)

It's almost showtime for the summer season! Seniors start next weekend (5-6 October) and junior competitions begin Sunday 13 October.

If you haven't already, please register as a player, coach, or volunteer [HERE](#). Umpires can register [HERE](#).

All players must be registered before taking part in training or games to be covered by insurance.

To make the registration process easier, please check that you:

- use the same name and email address as previous registrations
- use the links on our website to ensure you register for VSBL (this is especially important for clubs that run over summer and winter - they have separate links)

Fixtures continue to be updated [HERE](#) and you can follow the [VSBL Facebook page](#) for the latest news.



Photo: [Research Lower Plenty Baseball Club](#)

[BV Pipeline School Holiday Schedule](#)

The BV Pipeline includes programs for players of all levels to foster fun, development and performance. 2 Ball, School Holiday Camps, and Performance Pathway programs are all part of the BV Pipeline.

We had a fantastic first September Holidays 2Ball session and look forward to lots more fun next week!

Follow along on [Instagram](#) and check out [information and bookings](#) for upcoming events.

Club News: Free Community Level Umpiring Course at Blackburn

The BV Umpiring Working Group will be running a free Community Level Umpiring Course at Blackburn Baseball Club on Wednesday 9 October. This course teaches the basics of umpiring and managing a game, including rules that will help you better learn the game even as a player.

Anyone who wishes to progress their umpiring and gain the ability to be paid can then complete a second session scheduled for later in the year. This course is perfect for juniors looking to make a bit of money, or for parents to help out their kids' teams and clubs with an umpire. This is open to all clubs and we encourage anyone interested to come along for the session. Click [HERE](#) to register.



COMMUNITY LEVEL UMPIRES COURSE

WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER AT BILLABONG PARK

5:30PM - 7:30PM
PRESENTED BY:
Baseball Victoria Umpire Working Group

REGISTER VIA THE QR CODE BELOW:



OPEN TO MEMBERS FROM ALL CLUBS

COME ALONG AND LEARN THE BASICS OF UMPIRING. THOSE THAT
COMPLETE THE ENTIRE COURSE CAN EARN MONEY TO UMPIRE GAMES

Club News: WWCC and Child Protection/Sports Integrity

If you have children at your club, whether it be for junior competitions or family events, please keep in mind the updated [Working with Children Check](#) and Child Protection/Sports Integrity guidelines. All club volunteers, including committee members, coaches, umpires, scorers, groundskeepers, and canteen staff, must have a valid WWCC with a list regularly maintained by the club. We ask that all club committee members also complete the [11 Child Safe Sport Modules](#).

Club News: Monash Uni Women's Coach EOI

Monash University Baseball Club is seeking a coach to help relaunch its women's baseball program for the 2025 Melbourne Winter Baseball League season. The club is looking for a dedicated and passionate individual to assist with the recruitment, training, and management of the program.

Click [HERE](#) for more details on this opportunity.

Club News: Essendon Women's Baseball Come & Try Day

Essendon Baseball Club has a women's baseball come and try day coming up on Saturday 28 September from 10am to 12pm at Boeing Reserve, Strathmore Heights. New, current and past players are welcome at the session, which is open to girls 13+ and women of all ages and skill levels. Follow the [club's Facebook page](#) for more updates.

Essendon Baseball Club
**WOMEN'S BASEBALL
COME & TRY DAY**

**SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER | 10 AM- 12 PM
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FROM 6PM
@ BOEING RESERVE, STRATHMORE HEIGHTS**

New, current and past players welcome!

Girls 13+ and women of all ages, no previous experience required.

All levels of baseball from beginner to advanced, with free programs for skills development, including for elite athletes interested in a new sport and the Australian Women's Baseball League.



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Club News: Baseball Training Resources on BV TV

Get inspired for summer training with [BV TV](#) videos, including [Ramp Up to Play](#) and [Top Throwing Drills](#). Follow us on [Instagram](#) and [TikTok](#) for more fun training clips and resources.

Baseball Victoria and Salesian College Sports Academy Team Up

Baseball Victoria is pleased to partner with Salesian College Sports Academy in Chadstone, which plans to introduce a baseball program by Year 7, 2025, subject to student enrolment. We hope Salesian College will become a hub for secondary school students to pursue their academic and baseball goals in Melbourne's eastern suburbs.

Learn more about [Salesian College Sports Academy](#) and click [HERE](#) to book a tour. Families interested in enrolling or who have already done so are encouraged to contact Sports Academy Coordinator Stephen Sellwood at ssellwood@salesian.vic.edu.au to ensure they also complete a Sports Academy application.

Baseball Victoria War Service Honour Rolls

Baseball Victoria is committed to creating and maintaining an honour roll of baseball players who have served in war and peacekeeping missions since 1915. It is difficult to imagine a modern-day player's career being interrupted so dramatically, and we will be forever grateful for their service and sacrifices in our Australian armed services. Visit [our website](#) for more info.

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

We are proud to be part of the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood program, helping to save lives with blood and plasma donations. You can learn more about Lifeblood and join the BV Team [HERE](#).

The BV Team

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